



August 5, 2003

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE  
Suite 110  
Washington, DC 20002

ATTN: Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau

**RE: CC Docket No. 00-257**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Federal Communications Commission Rule Section 64.1120(e), Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. (Missouri Valley) hereby notifies the Commission that effective September 5, 2003, the subscribers in the Williston, North Dakota exchange currently served by Skyland Technologies, Inc. (Skyland) will be transferred to Missouri Valley. The North Dakota Public Service Commission has been notified Skyland is discontinuing operations in Williston effective September 5, 2003. The affected subscriber base will be transferred at that time to Missouri Valley. As a result of the transfer, basic local service will be provided by Missouri Valley to the affected subscribers.

Missouri Valley hereby certifies that it has complied with the Commission's requirements to provide advance subscriber notice in accordance with Section 64.1120(e)(3), with the obligations specified in that notice, and with other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to this streamlined process.

A copy of the notice sent to the affected subscribers is attached hereto.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Thronson  
General Manager  
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.



July 30, 2003

Dear Customer:

Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. (MVC) would like to welcome you as our new customer. MVC will be providing your local basic telephone service **beginning September 5, 2003**. Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc., a telecommunications provider for over fifty years in northeastern Montana and northwestern North Dakota, is the parent company of Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.

The following items are provided for your information:

**☎ LOCAL SERVICE RATES:** Missouri Valley basic local service rates are as follows:

	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Business</b>
<b>Local Service</b>	\$18.12	\$26.20
<b>Extended Area Service</b>	\$ 1.27	\$ 2.53

These rates do not include any selected features, Internet services or mandated fees. Most services will remain the same as those offered by Skyland Technologies, Inc. (Skyland). In the future, customers will be notified of any changes to local telephone service, long distance rates and other services by the MVC newsletter, the Tips, which is published monthly and mailed with your bill.

**☎ LONG DISTANCE:** Your long distance services will continue to be provided by your current long distance provider, unless you request otherwise. You have the right to select a different preferred carrier for intraLATA and/or interLATA long distance. You will remain with your current long distance carrier, unless you request otherwise.

**☎ LONG DISTANCE BILLING:** Your long distance billing will be included on your Missouri Valley Communications bill **if** you have Nemont Long Distance as your long distance provider. All other long distance carriers will bill you directly.

**☎ PREFERRED CARRIER FREEZE:** Any existing preferred carrier freeze, which prevents your long distance carrier from being changed without your authorization (also know as slamming), will remain in effect as customers are transitioned to MVC.

**☎ INTERNET:** Internet services provided by NCI Internet, an affiliate of Missouri Valley, will be billed on your local telephone bill beginning September 5, 2003. The base rate for DSL will be \$49.95 per month and the base rate for unlimited dial-up will be \$19.95 per month.

Please call NCI Internet at 888-338-0252 for additional information on Internet services. Additional information for current Skyland Internet customers can be found on the green information sheet enclosed with this letter.



**☎ VOICE MAIL SERVICES:** Instructions are included for the Skyland customers using voice mail services. The instructions, printed on blue paper, explain how to access your mail box, set up a new password and greeting, etc.

**☎ SERVICE ISSUES:** Beginning September 5, 2003, Missouri Valley will be responsible for all telephone service issues. Prior to September 5, 2003, please contact a Skyland representative by calling 577-7000.

#### **INTERSTATE END USER FEES AND FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE CHARGE**

*Due to the difference in federal regulations between Skyland and Missouri Valley, there will be some changes to the mandated fees charged to customers.*

**☎ INTERSTATE END USER CHARGE:** The Interstate End User Charge is a flat monthly charge assessed directly on your telephone bill. For multi-line businesses, the Interstate End User Charge will be \$9.20 per line. This fee applies to any business with two or more local business lines. The Interstate End User Charge for single-line businesses and residences is \$6.50 per line. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established this charge as a way to reduce the access charges paid by long distance companies. The Interstate End User Charge does not result in any additional revenue for local telephone companies and is part of the FCC's effort to promote competition within the telecommunications industry.

**☎ FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE CHARGE:** The Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) is a monthly charge assessed directly on your telephone bill. Residential and single-line businesses will be assessed \$.62 per line and multi-line businesses will be assessed \$.87 per line. In addition, DSL users will be assessed \$1.99. The federal universal service fund program is designed to keep local telephone service rates affordable for all customers, in all areas of the United States.

Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. is looking forward to a successful relationship as your total telecommunications provider. If you have any questions about this letter or your future services, please contact the Missouri Valley Business Office at 1-866-572-7744.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Thronson  
General Manager  
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.

Enclosure